

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on April 6, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Steve Gibson (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. John Esp (R)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Sandra Sullivan, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 81, 4/4/2011; SB 414, 4/4/2011; SB 424, 4/4/2011
Executive Action Taken: SB 81

HEARING ON SB 424

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:05 Sen. Carol Williams (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 424, Implement transfer from Older Montanans trust fund to general fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:17 Claudia Clifford, Advice Director, American Association of Retired People of Montana (AARP)

00:08:23 Erin McGowan Fincham, Area Agencies on Aging

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:05 Rep. Beck

00:11:40 Sen. Williams

00:11:45 Rep. Beck

00:11:48 Sen. Williams

00:12:02 Rep. Beck

00:12:06 Sen. Williams

00:12:17 Rep. Schmidt

00:12:45 Sen. Williams

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:03 Sen. Williams

HEARING ON SB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:25 Sen. David Wanzonried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 81, Revise commercial drivers license provisions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:51 Brenda Nordlund, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

EXHIBIT(aph77a01)

00:21:48 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

00:22:28 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:30 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:26:06 Ms. Nordlund

00:26:26 Mr. Stang
00:27:03 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:27:53 Chairman McNutt
00:28:12 Rep. Brodehl
00:28:47 Ms. Nordlund
00:29:29 Rep. Brodehl
00:29:44 Ms. Nordlund
00:30:00 Rep. Esp arrived.
00:30:21 Rep. Schmidt
00:30:44 Sen. Wanzenried
00:31:28 Rep. McChesney
00:31:59 Mr. Stang

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:48 Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SB 414**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:06 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 414, Provide for control of wolves.

[EXHIBIT\(aph77a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:45 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association and Western Montana Fish and Game Association
00:44:54 Rory Copland, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife
00:47:25 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
00:48:00 Rep. Cook left.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:53:15 Rep. Mike Phillips, HD 66

[EXHIBIT\(aph77a03\)](#)

00:59:52 Bob Lane, Attorney, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(aph77a04\)](#)

01:11:00 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(aph77a05\)](#)

01:13:25 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:15:15 Rep. Brodehl
01:15:26 Rep. Burnett arrived.
01:15:40 Rep. Phillips
01:16:00 Rep. Hollenbaugh left.
01:16:17 Rep. Brodehl
01:16:36 Rep. Phillips

01:16:47 Joe Maurier, Director, FWP
01:17:42 Rep. Brodehl
01:17:48 Mr. Maurier
01:18:08 Rep. Edmunds
01:18:45 Sen. Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:31 Sen. Vincent

01:31:10 Chairman McNutt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81

01:32:25 **Motion:** Rep. Esp moved that **SB 81 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:32:34 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:33:18 Chairman McNutt
01:33:26 Rep. Esp

01:33:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 20-1 by voice vote with Rep. Brodehl voting no. Rep. Cook, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. Osmundson and Rep. Sesso voted by proxy. Rep. Rosendale will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

01:35:02 Adjournment: 09:37:30 AM

Sandra Sullivan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph77aad.pdf](#))